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NEWS BRIEFS

Safety fair

A safety fair is scheduled in conjunction with the 2d Bomb Wing Safety Day Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hoban Hall.

Everyone is encouraged to attend briefings by each group's commander at the following times: 2d Mission Support Group from 8:30 to 10 a.m.; 2d Maintenance Group from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; 2d Operations Group from noon to 1:30 p.m.; and 2d Medical Group, tenant units and special staff from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Finance closes

The 2d Comptroller Squadron customer service section closes at 11:30 a.m. today for an official function.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Courtesy 26th Operational Weather Squadron

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2D BOMB WING SCOREBOARD

2d Bomb Wing Monthly Flying Goals

Depicted in Hours			
Goal:	270.0	406.6	355.1
Flown:	147-1	167.8	251.4
Remaining:	122.9	238.8	103.7
As of:			+73.8
May 14	+5.3	-47.8	

Bombs away



Senior Airman Brian Ferguson/99th CS

A B-52 Stratofortress from the 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit drops live ordnance over the Nevada Test and Training Range near Nellis May 12 during an Air Force firepower demonstration. More than 2,500 people wit-

nessed the first Air Force firepower demonstration since February 2003 at the range. After being put on hold, the original quarterly demonstration will now be conducted twice a year. (AFNS)

Airmen recall worldwide deployments

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN

OBSERVER

Barksdale has had a proud tradition of supporting missions around the world. For many Airmen, they return with experiences based on where they've been.

A group of approximately 50 base airmen were deployed for 131 days and returned within the past couple of months as part of the wing's continuing support of worldwide commitments.

Staff Sgts. Patrick Key and Mark Woods, Senior Airman Sean McGuire and Airman 1st Class Stephen Germain, all 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operators, were among the group of Airmen who recently returned from Iraq.

Overall, the Airmen seem happy with their deployment and the job they performed.

"I feel great. I'm very confident that I can tell my grandchildren I did my best when I was deployed," Sergeant Woods said.

Airman Germain enjoyed his deployment and is eager to relive the experience.

"This was my first deployment and I look forward to going back," Airman Germain said.

Sergeant Key and Airman Germain reflected on their experiences

interacting with the locals.

"It was a very humbling and awesome experience dealing with some of the nicest people one could ask to meet. It was difficult to leave such good guys," Sergeant Key said.

"I felt like my job was really making a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people," Airman Germain said.

For some of the Airmen, being deployed was a new experience.

"The best part of being there was the benefit of a new and challenging call," Sergeant Key said, who worked as a vehicle dispatcher while deployed.

Sergeant Woods, who has also deployed to Kosovo, Thailand, and Macedonia, and with the Army, said there's no comparison between this one and his other deployments.

Though he was working under harsh conditions, Sergeant Woods said, "It felt good to be in country during the war-serving my country and doing my part."

The Airmen shared a variety of different experiences while deployed.

"I experienced the Arabic culture first hand in the city of Abu Dhabi and the surrounding areas," Airman McGuire said.

"It felt like for the first time since I have been in I was truly serving my country and it was a great experience," Airman Germain said.

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Power outage

An electrical power outage is scheduled for certain facilities on the east side of the base the weekend of June 5 for a power transfer on the Red Chute bridge relocation project. The shutdown starts at 7 a.m. June 5 and continues until 5 p.m. on June 6. The buildings affected include the shoppette, youth center, Seabees, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, FamCamp, Red Chute lift station, forestry and Capehart housing. Capehart housing power should be down for two to three hours.

Blood drive

LifeShare Blood Center holds a blood drive Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mobile unit will be parked in the base exchange and shoppette parking lots. Call 2nd Lt. Kathy Falino at 456-8745 for more information.

Promotion ceremony

Barksdale's monthly promotion ceremony is June 1 at 3 p.m. at Hoban Hall. Practice is 1 p.m. for promotees and all other participants. The uniform of the day is service dress. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Richard Sutherland at 456-3461 or Master Sgt. Kenneth Alsandor at 456-5852.

Memorial Day activities

The Shreveport/Bossier City Chapter 30 of the American Veterans sponsors the annual Memorial Day activities May 30 at 2 p.m. in the veterans section of the Greenwood Cemetery. The cemetery is located on the corner of Stoner Avenue and Market Street in Shreveport. All organizations will have an opportunity to place their wreaths at the flag pole.

Job opening

The Family Support Center has an opening for a superintendent. The position is open to all master sergeants and senior master sergeants and is a three-year special duty tour with a change of Air Force Specialty Code to 8C000. Packages are due to the FSC by Thursday and should include the last three Enlisted Performance Reports, resume and a recommendation letter from the individual's commander.

Information sheets are available at the FSC or call 456-8400 for more information.

Mentoring is essential

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

Once again, Headquarters Air Force has asked Barksdale to lead the way with a new pilot program, and I was eager to accept this challenge since it was focused on improving our ability to mentor.

This new initiative is called Mission-Driven Mentoring.

All of you know the importance I place on mentoring - it directly affects all three components of our TWO vector. First, it ensures that every warrior is focused on improving our ability to accomplish our combat mission. Also, a mentor who is genuinely concerned with the welfare and development of his or her subordinates and the success of the organization to which they both belong builds teamwork and trust. Finally, a true mentor actively seeks out opportunities for personal growth.

General Hal Hornburg, ACC commander, is very clear on the importance of mentoring:

"The first duty of a leader is to grow more leaders. As Airmen we should ex-

pect folks to lead, coach and mentor us. Likewise, we must share our experiences and show others the right way to do the job. Each of you is a leader, a coach

and a mentor. These are essential characteristics of being an Airman. Take as much as you want, but give as much as you take." (The Flyer, Feb 28, 2003)

As a first step in launching this mentoring pilot, we are seeking individuals who are willing to serve as a mentor by sharing their talents, expertise, and experience with other leaders across the organization.

As a mentor, you will have the opportunity to strengthen your coaching skills, demonstrate leadership and contribute to the development of ACC future leaders. We are confident that you will find this to be one of the most rewarding experiences in your leadership role.

For those of you who would like to participate in MDM as a mentee, additional information will be sent to you in the next few weeks.



MDM is a Web-based development tool that facilitates the entire mentoring process. Below is how to access the tool and begin the process of being a mentor: Go to www.3creekmentoring.com/USAirForce/.

Click on the link "Getting Started as a Mentor" under learning resources for login instructions and helpful hints to help you begin the mentoring journey.

Please complete your mentor profile as soon as possible. At that time, mentees from across HQ ACC/DP, Eglin, Kirtland, Barksdale and Keflavik AFBs will be invited to participate in a three-month pilot. The MDM tool will provide your name to mentees whose mentoring needs match your experience and expertise. Mentees will then contact you to initiate the three-month mentoring relationship.

Additional resources and information about mentoring relationships are available on the MDM web site listed above. If you have any questions, please contact the administrator at AF.Mentoring.Network@wpafb.af.mil.

Action Line

The Action Line is your avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Your comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through your chain of command or the organization involved.

I encourage you to go that route first. Then, if you still can't resolve it or don't know where to call, I'll be glad to do it for you. I'd also like to hear the positive feedback on your experiences on base.

When calling the Action Line, the messages are recorded. Please leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you if we need more information.

Call the Action Line at

456-4000

Query: Would it at least be possible to extend the hours of the south gate or maybe open the gate to encompass the work schedules of people that don't work 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.?

Response: In order to wave traffic onto the base, the gate sentries must be certified as an installation entry controller or patrolman. To meet our daily manning requirements at Barksdale's two 24-hour gates and increased manning requirements to accommodate contractor entry procedures at the recently constructed East Gate search area, the South Gate will continue to be open from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 3:30 - 6 p.m. We also ask that the base populace remember the gate is often manned by a patrol and in the

event of major incidents requiring the patrol's assistance, the gate may not be open during scheduled times. We appreciate all inputs and suggestions, so please contact Tech. Sgt. Brian Hofkamp, NCO in charge, Police Services at 456-3508 if you have any questions.

Key Customer Service Numbers

BX	752-9227
Casualty Office	456-2212
Civilian Pay	456-2741
Civilian Personnel	456-4502
Claims Office	456-2563
Clinic Patient Advocate	456-6361
Commissary	456-8263
Contracting	456-2113
Directory Assistance	456-2252
Environmental Flight	456-4629
Facilities and Utilities	456-3072
Housing	456-4324
Inspector General	456-5049
Law Enforcement	456-2551
Legal Assistance	456-2561
Military Pay	456-4733
Military Personnel	456-2117
Family Support Center	456-8400





Drinking and driving: a deadly combination

LT. COL. RODNEY MASON
2D MUNITIONS SQUADRON

It was a warm summer day in Idaho; the perfect day for a picnic/party. The master sergeant promotion list had just been published and the squadron just returned from an extended deployment to Saudi Arabia. It was party time!

The party was going well and everyone was having a good time celebrating. A member of the squadron drove up in a brand new sports car and one of the promotees asked to take it for a test drive. But there was one problem to the equation: the test-driver had been drinking. The individual had a designated driver and a plan not to drive while drunk. Nevertheless, the promotee took the keys, started the car and drove off. His wife saw him getting into the car and started yelling for him to stop, running after him as he drove away. But it was too late.

Just a few minutes later, the car was moving at a high rate of speed, the driver lost control of the vehicle, left the road and somersaulted across a field. That day the Air Force lost a very talented NCO and a family lost a loving husband and father.

What went wrong? Who is responsible? Did his commander not emphasize having a designated driver or using the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program? Did the individual plan ahead? These are all good questions that are asked when there is an alcohol related incident; especially a driving-under-the-influence situation. Perhaps it was a bit of all these questions and a little bit of carelessness.

It does not matter if you are an officer, enlisted, male or female — alcohol and driving do not mix. We have all been told from day one that underage drinking and driving will not be tolerated. Yet, we still have people that think they are smarter than the system or invincible. Because of recklessness and false senses of immortality, the system that is in-place for the most part has been written with the blood of talented airmen who have died after mixing drinking and driving.

I assumed command only two weeks ago and unfortunately have seen the “sad” effects alcohol has had on our squadron, group and wing.

Here is the bottom line: if you are underage, simply don’t drink; it doesn’t make you cool. Think about it; where are those drinking buddies you are trying to impress when you are standing in front of the commander receiving an Article 15? In 16 years of service, I have never seen a drinking buddy stand by an underage drinker asking to take the heat for the offense.

Underage drinkers: THINK! That \$10 to \$20 worth of beer could cost more than \$1,800 per year if you lose a stripe, not to include the new increase in your car insurance. A quick drink could cost your career — not a good investment.

If you are going to drink: 1) give up your keys before you start, 2) have a good plan in place, and 3) don’t deviate from the plan. Also, when you go out with friends, make sure you take care of each other.

Don’t let your friend drink and drive and put their life and others in harm’s way. We have a responsibility to take care of each other.



Lastly, don’t drink to solve or drown your problems. If your oil light comes on in your car, you wouldn’t cover it by putting a piece of electrical tape on it. You would take your car into to a professional who knows how to fix the problem. Talk to a supervisor, friend or a chaplain — seek help.

Summer weather is fast approaching and many of us will be out on jet skis, boats, motorcycles, etc. Let’s all stop and think before we start the party and have a good plan in place.

Need a ride home? Call AADD at 456-3344

NEWS BRIEFS

Movement assistance

The peak season for household goods shipment is here and the base's traffic management office suggests coordinating moves as early as possible. Contact TMO personal property customer service at 456-3229 as soon as official orders are received to schedule a counseling appointment. Access the following Web sites for more information: <http://jpposat.randolph.af.mil/default.htm>; www.afmove.hq.af.mil; and <https://w3.barksdale.af.mil/2bw/2msg/2lrs/index.shtml>.

Legal office hours

The new hours for the 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office are as follows: appointments for wills and general legal assistance are 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays and 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Walk-in legal assistance (no wills) are Mondays through Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Notaries and power-of-attorneys are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Claims hours remain the same.

Claims appointments can be scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays and the claims briefing is every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Pharmacy renovations

The refill pharmacy is currently undergoing some minor renovations to create a more handicap-friendly environment. The renovations will not affect the normal operating hours, which are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The refill pharmacy closes on the weekends and for holidays, and closes every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for training.

AWC, ACSC

The base education and training services flight is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for Air War College nonresident studies and Air Command and Staff colleges nonresidents studies. Interested individuals should apply right away. The seminars begin in August. Enrollment is also available for Air Reserve and Air National Guard members.

Access the following websites to complete the enrollment forms: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/ns/ns-enroll.htm>, <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/msd/pubs/maxforms/index.htm>.

Fax completed forms to Mr. James Merryman at 456-4981

Free virus protection

All Department of Defense employees are authorized free copies of McAfee and Norton antivirus. Members can obtain free software by accessing the following Web sites: www.mcafee.com/dod, for home computers, and www.cert.mil, for work computers.

Call 1st Lt. Gregory Roberts at 456-3645 for more information.

AFNOSC receive information awards

1ST LT. BRIAN CROOKS

608TH AIR COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON,
AFNOSC

Four members assigned to 8th Air Force's Air Force Network Operations and Security Center, 608th Air Communications Squadron, recently received several awards in the following categories: company grade officer, senior noncommissioned officer, noncommissioned officer, and Airman in the first Air Force Information Operations Award program competition.

Tech. Sgt. Steven Campbell and Senior Airman Kory Chosa won the Air Force Outstanding Active Duty Information Operator NCO of the Year and the Outstanding Active Duty Information Operator Airman of the year respectively.

At the Air Combat Command level, Capt. Travis Howell won the Outstanding Active Duty Information Operations Officer of the Year; and Senior Master Sgt. Rodney Woodington won the Outstanding Active Duty Information Operator SNCO of the Year.

Sergeant Campbell and Airman Chosa

also won their respective awards at the ACC level.

Sergeant Campbell, NCO in charge of AFNOSC training and standards and evaluations, didn't expect to win and is happy his hard work didn't go unnoticed.

"I appreciate the fact that the folks I work for and with respect the work I've done and spent the time and effort to put me in for the award," Sergeant Campbell said, who is responsible for developing and implementing crew training. He also conducts evaluations and issues certifications for the crew members.

Airman Chosa's win was also unexpected.

"I was surprised at first and then honored to have my name associated with this award," Airman Chosa said.

"It shows that we have hard working, motivated and determined individuals striving to stand up the new Air Force Command and Control Communications Division."

Each winner was recognized for their significant contributions to the Air Force's new organization.

The mission of the AFNOSC is to di-

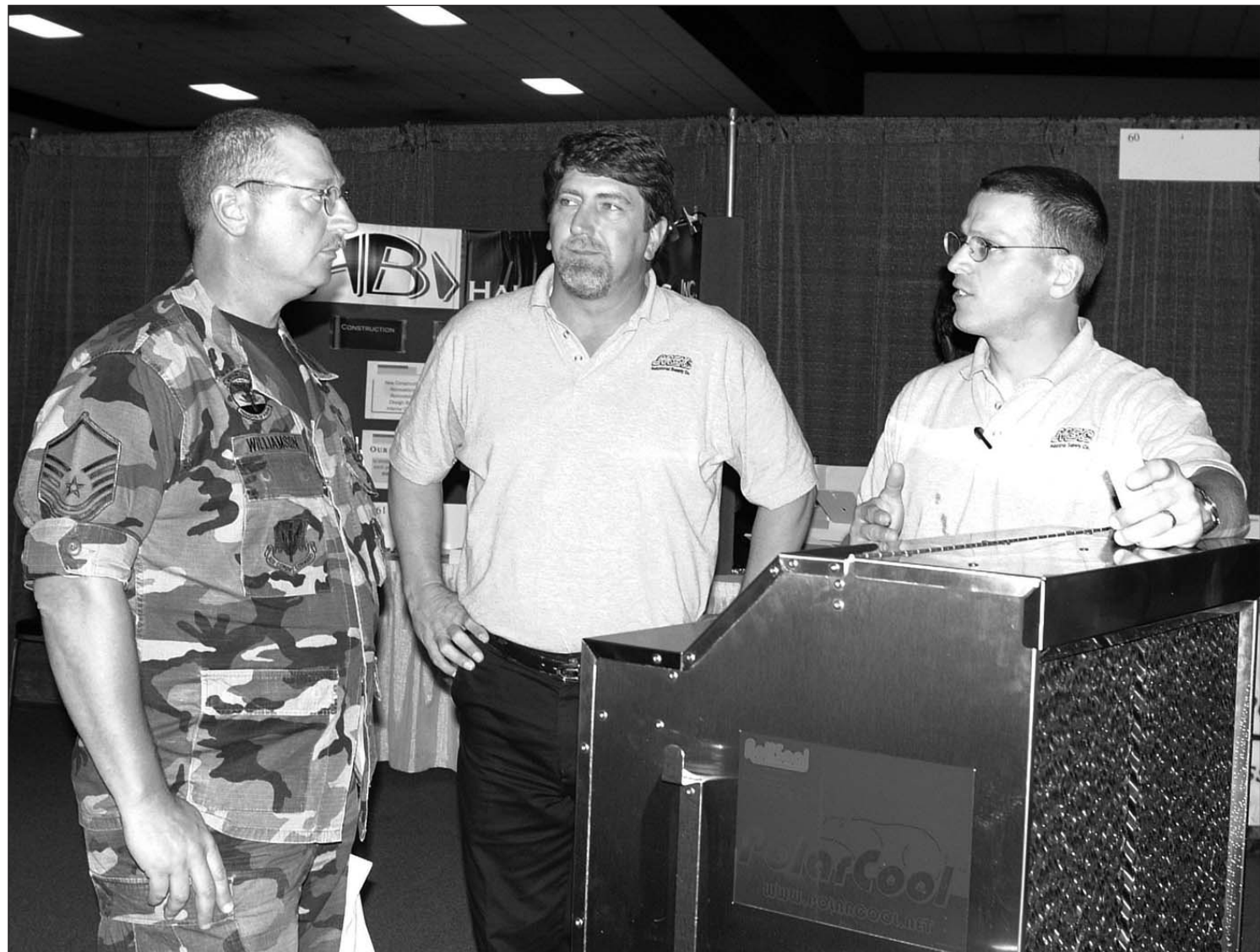
rect time-critical actions to maintain and protect the Air Force Enterprise Network, to fuse network performance, sensor, intelligence and law enforcement data to determine the impact of a network event or potential impact of a network vulnerability to ongoing or planned Air Force Joint Operations.

The AFNOSC develops integrated courses of action to restore services and to mitigate vulnerabilities to the networks, as well as analyze cyber security metrics. In short, the AFNOSC is the sole point of command and control of network operations across the Air Force.

The Air Force Information Operations Award Program provides a vehicle for the deputy chief of staff, Air and Space Operations, and senior information operations officers to recognize outstanding information operations and support personnel.

Competitors range from active duty to reserve components and are categorized by the following: level one is for nominees from a numbered Air Force or above, and level two is for nominees working below a numbered Air Force.

Outdoor air conditioning? BRILLIANT!



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

Master Sgt. Paul Williamson, 2d Munitions Squadron, learns about the latest in portable air conditioning units from David Taylor and Mike Anglin of MSC Industrial Supply during Tuesday's Vendor Fair at Hoban Hall.

Sixty-five vendors shared samples and demonstrations with more than 400 base people. The Government Procurement Center of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce sponsored the fair.

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

Unit: 2d Munitions Squadron

Family: Wife: Julie; Son: Kurtis

Past assignments: Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Morbach, Germany; RAF Upper Heyford, UK; RAF Fairford, UK; Mountain Home AFB, Ind.; Langley AFB, Va.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; USMTM, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and again at Langley.

Education: Bachelor's of Arts in business administration from Troy State University, Master's of Arts in military arts and sciences from the Command and General Staff College.

Off-duty time is for: Spending time with family.

Hobbies: Golf and woodworking.

What challenges do you see as a commander? Building and upkeeping a balance between the mission needs of the bomb wing with the personnel needs of the Airmen in the squadron in order to maintain healthy morale.

Goals: Set the standard for all muni-



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

Lt. Col. Rodney Mason

tions, have airmen recognized at major command and higher for their outstanding accomplishments, and continue to enhance quality of life for members and families

Advice to those pursuing an Air Force career: Set high personal goals and stay focused on them. Remember there are no bad jobs; it is the performance in the job that counts.

Articles 15: Base Airmen receive nine

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

From May 6 through May 12, nine members of Barksdale Air Force Base received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

An airman consumed alcohol while under the legal drinking age. Punishment: reduction to airman basic and suspended forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months.

An airman failed to obey a lawful order by having a .380 handgun and paintball gun in his dormitory room. Punishment: restriction for 30 days, extra duty for 30 days, and a reprimand.

An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the legal drinking age. Punishment: Reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$312 pay and 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class was derelict in the performance of his duties when he did not follow technical orders correctly. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman first class assaulted another airman by grabbing his neck with his hands. Punishment: reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$374 pay, 30 days correctional custody, and a reprimand.

An airman first class reported late for duty. Punishment: Reduction to airman and a reprimand.

An airman first class assaulted his wife by striking her in the face and biting her arm. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman wrongfully used marijuana. Punishment: Reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months.

A senior airman disobeyed a lawful order from a noncommissioned officer not to possess a personal cell phone while on duty. Punishment: 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

There were no discharges under the rapid airman discharge program during the above time frame.

Base group saves money

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
OBSERVER

Have you ever wondered what happens to something when it gets broken on Barksdale? Does it go to a "big part heaven," or does it just get thrown away and forgotten about, costing the Air Force a lot of money due to replacement?

There is a base agency that extends the life of equipment. The Air Force Repair Enhancement Program saves Barksdale millions of dollars annually. Last year alone AFREP saved an estimated \$2.4 million.

"The troops who work in AFREP are small in number, but return huge dividends to the wing. I'm glad other people at Barksdale are getting the chance to learn more about this outstanding group of Airmen," said Col. Karen Wilhelm, 2d Maintenance Group commander.

AFREP repairs everything from the night vision goggles that 2d Security Forces Squadron uses to fuel couplings. They also do repairs on office equipment such as printers, overhead projectors, fax machines, typewriters and the base marquee.

"We save the Air Force money by refurbishing parts. We still pay for the full price of a replacement part, but the money we save by repairing it goes back into the wing," said Staff Sgt. Michael Whitefield, lead evaluator for 2d Bomb Wing AFREP.

Senior Airman Heidi Curry is another member of the staff who helps the office meet their mission



Airman Brandon Kusek/Observer

Staff Sgt. Michael Whitefield repairs a weather station module in the repair lab in the AFREP office. Sergeant Whitefield was recently selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

as a supply person.

"I'm in charge of the shipping and distribution of parts. I'm also am responsible for picking up the broken parts, and then taking them to supply so they can be redistributed," Airman Curry said.

AFREP is looking to help even more, said Tech. Sgt. Troy McCabe, NCO in charge of AFREP logistics.

"Most of the parts brought into us are aircraft parts, but we're trying to expand to the medical, communications and munitions squadrons," Sergeant McCabe said.

AFREP is self supporting; all of their office supplies and equipment are all paid for by their office.

"We have a million dollar re-

pair office that is paid for by us," Sergeant Whitefield said.

Airmen can also earn money.

An Airman from the 2d Maintenance Squadron brought a fuel coupling to AFREP that was labeled expendable or in other words was about to be thrown away. AFREP located a contractor who repaired the coupling at a fraction of the cost for a new one. For making the suggestion, the Airman received a cash reward in excess of \$1,300 through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

"Anyone can earn money by making a repair suggestion through the IDEA program," Sergeant Whitefield said.

Contact AFREP at 456-8986 for more information.

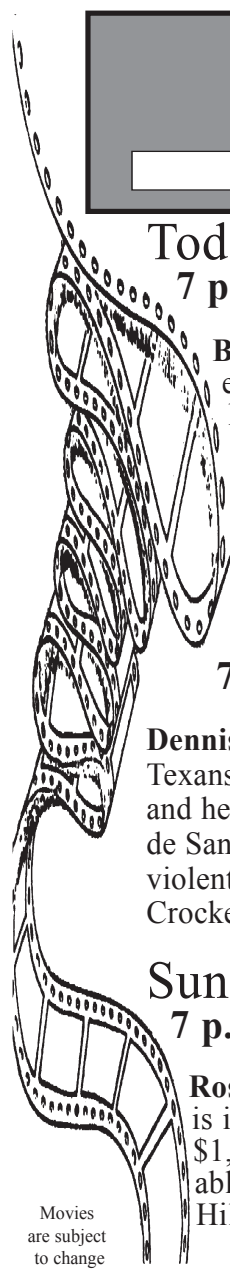
Preparing to deploy



Senior Airman Andrea Knudson/Observer

Local Marine reservists now attached to the 4th Marine Division gathered at Hoban Hall Saturday for a predeployment briefing. Col. John Odom, a

senior reserve judge advocate with 8th Air Force, The American Red Cross, members from TRI-CARE and family services conducted the briefing.



The Movies

B A S E T H E A T E R

Today

7 p.m. — “Whole Ten Yards” PG-13

Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry — Jimmy the Tulip’s life is easy now. He spends his days compulsively cleaning his house and perfecting his culinary skills with his wife, Jill. Unfortunately for him, his life is shaken up when his former neighbor Oz shows up begging the couple to help him rescue his wife. To complicate the situation even further, the kidnappers are led by Jimmy’s childhood rival.

Saturday

7 p.m. — “The Alamo” PG-13

Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thorton — In the spring of 1836, 200 Texans, including men of all races, believed in the future of Texas and held the fort for 13 days under siege by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Led by three men — a young brash colonel, the violent and passionate James Bowie, and the larger-than-life Davy Crockett — the Texans make a final stand that immortalizes them.

Sunday

7 p.m. — “Home on the Range” PG

Roseanne Barr, Cuba Gooding, Jr. — A young widow’s farm is in danger of being foreclosed unless she can come up with \$1,000 for her mortgage. The farm animals know she won’t be able to come up with the money and build their own plan. Hilarity ensues as the animals attempt bounty hunting.

Admission: Adults \$2.50
Children \$1.25

Movies are subject to change without notice.

“What’s Cooking?”

Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

TODAY

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks
Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

SATURDAY

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs
Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

SUNDAY

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish
Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

MONDAY

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork
Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

TUESDAY

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon
Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

WEDNESDAY


Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef
Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

THURSDAY

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken
Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnizel

FRIDAY, May 28

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers
Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti



Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Husband, Jason; Mom, Sondra; Dad, Ronald; Sister, Erin

Favorite performer: Kenny Chesney

Hometown: Winslow, Ariz.

Favorite sports team: Arizona Diamondbacks

Unit: 2d Munitions Squadron

Favorite dish (meal): Green Chile Burrito

Job title: Commander's support staff representative

Favorite book: "A Voice in the Wind"

Job description: Run all personnel programs for the unit commander

I'm proudest of: All that I've accomplished

Most rewarding job aspect: I get to work closely with people on a daily basis

Person I admire the most: My mother

Goals: To get my degree and become a physical therapist

Best day of my life: The day I got married

Hobbies: Hiking, fishing

My best asset is: My sense of humor

What motivates my winning attitude: Being in such a powerful Air Force and knowing that in about six months I will be stationed with my husband

Pet peeve: Disrespectful people

Favorite TV show: "Friends"

To nominate a Barksdale airman or civilian for the Cajun Warrior Attitude, supervisors should email the Observer staff at observer@barksdale.af.mil with contact information on how to

Favorite movie: "Ever After"



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

**Airman
Elise Hobson**

2d Munitions Squadron at a Glance

Squadron commander: Lt. Col. Rodney Mason

2d Maintenance Group commander: Col. Karen

First sergeant: Senior Master Sgt. Gordon

Wilhelm

Gragson

Squadron motto: Paragon of Power

Base Chapel Services

456-2111

Duty chaplain for emergencies: 456-2151

Catholic



Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Vacation Bible school

Vacation Bible School is coming up this summer and Mrs. Laura Barber is seeking volunteers. Vacation Bible School offers time for children to focus on their faith. This is a highly attended event every year and adults are needed to help guide the children. Contact Mrs. Barber at 456-3689 for details.

Community Briefs

Red Cross Summer youth volunteer program

The American Red Cross's 2004 Summer Youth Volunteer Program runs June 1 through Aug. 6. The program accepts applicants aged 13-17 years old. There is a \$10 registration fee and orientation is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applicants are available at the Red Cross office, third floor, located in the base clinic.

For more information, call the Red Cross office at 865-9545.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
OBSERVER

Before a judge in Tyler, Texas, April 16, a Russian standing in a U.S. Air Force uniform became an American citizen. That new citizen is Airman 1st Class Nickolai Orlov, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Born in Moscow in 1982, Airman Orlov moved to America with his mother in 1988.

"People always ask me why I came and what I was looking for. Well, I am an adventurous person and I like unusual experiences. That's why I came to the United States, and that's why I joined the Air Force," said Airman Orlov.

Airman Orlov joined the Air Force two years ago and has been stationed here for most of it. He works in the vehicle operations shop of 2d LRS where he keeps the vehicles on base in top form for those who use them.

The process of naturalization for members of the Armed Forces is far more expedient than non-military members. However, applicants are still required to prove a long list of requirements for citizenship. They must serve for one year, demonstrate good moral character, knowledge of the English language and civics and take an oath of allegiance to the U.S. Constitution.

Airman Orlov's quest to become an American was aided by Ms. Charlotte Hikes, a contractor working with the 2d Mission Support Squadron. She had just taken over the naturalization program here during last October. Airman Orlov was the first person she helped become a citizen.

"The entire process took less than six months," said Ms. Hikes. "I was very pleased that it went so smoothly and I was glad to hear that he had a nice experience during his interview and oath ceremony."

Right after the longest part of his naturalization, he was told he could become a citizen and a smile grew on his face so big that he did not need to explain to anyone.

"I was told that I passed, and all I could do was smile," he said. "I was still smiling on my way out of the building,



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

which was more than enough information for the security guards who congratulated me as I went through the doors."

That same smile reappeared on Airman Orlov's face April 17 as he attended his citizenship ceremony along with other people at the Tyler court house.

"My mom and stepdad came to watch me become a citizen. Besides me, about 50 other legal alien-residents from all around the world were getting naturalized at that time. There also were their relatives and guest speakers from several organizations. Naturally, they were surprised to see a member of the U.S. military who is not a U.S. citizen. Whenever a new speaker spoke, they'd mention how much they appreciate those who serve in the Armed Forces, which I felt was sincere. Finally it was time to take the oath. As soon as I started to repeat the words after the judge, adrenaline started to go through my body. It felt as if a powerful spell was cast that was going to change me forever, and it was not far from the truth," said Orlov.

"After a one-second pause the judge announced that from now on, we are American," he said. "The court room exploded with applause. It was simply amazing how so many different people from different parts of the world became united in their joy and celebration.

"It's been a month since I became naturalized, and I can honestly say that it's one of the best things I've ever done," said Orlov.

To all the non-citizens working in the military, Orlov asks, "What are you waiting for? You have an opportunity here, so take advantage of it, you can only benefit from doing it."



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-Airman Nickolai Orlov, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron

Respecting the flag



Senior Airman Andrea Knudson/Observer

Above: Cub Scout Pack 251 from Doyline, La., joined 8th Air Force and 2d Medical Group members during Monday's base retreat. The Cub Scouts, along with their den leaders, wanted to participate in the base retreat to show their respect for the flag. The Packs' participation also served as a requirement for earning

their badges. Right: 2d Bomb Wing commander, Col. Michael Moeller, an Eagle Scout, greets Cub Scouts after Monday's retreat. The 11 Cub Scouts formed their own formation, just off to the right of the troops in front of the base flag. Retreat signifies the end of the official duty day while paying respect to the flag.



BOSC awards scholarships

BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANDREA KNUDSON
OBSERVER

The Barksdale Officers' Spouses' Club recently awarded scholarships to prospective college students.

"The BOSC is here to recognize and reward those that sacrifice and constantly adjust to changes that are not of their choosing, yet still achieve academic and personal success in spite of their parents' or spouses' military career," said Mrs. Sarah Parmater, academic achievement chairman for BOSC.

The scholarship program is open to all graduating seniors and spouses of military members who are active duty, retired, POW/MIA, or deceased, officer or enlisted, and thereby possessing a valid and current military identification card, Mrs. Parmater said.

Zachary Rathke, 18, the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship and son of Col. and Mrs. Charles Rathke, 8th Air Force, recently graduated from Bossier High School and will attend college in August.

"I've been accepted to the honors program at Texas A & M University," said Zachary. "I will study electrical engineering."

In addition to being the valedictorian, Zachary's qualifications include a 4.0 grade point average, scoring a 31 on the ACT, and a 1440 on the SAT.

The officers' spouses' club awards scholarships annually.

"We will have a new board in place by June," Mrs. Parmater said. "The selection

panel determines recipients based on scholastic achievement, overall grade point average for grades nine through 12, ACT/SAT scores, school activities, the frequency of relocation and moves, community and work activities, college transcripts, dual credit, high school credit and college, or college only, and an evaluation of personal essays."

The following is the scholarship list:

Robert Turek, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Raymond Turek, 2d Bomb Wing, received a \$1,000 Gerry Lyons scholarship.

Allison Anderson, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Roger Anderson, 8th Air Force, received a BOSC \$2,000 scholarship.

Zachary Rathke, son of Col. and Mrs. Charles Rathke, 8th Air Force, received a BOSC \$1,000 scholarship.

Rebecca Bull, daughter of Master Sgt. and Mrs. Stephen Bull, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, received a BOSC \$1,000 scholarship.

Cynthia Halwick, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. and Mrs. John Halwick, retired USAF, received a BOSC \$1,000 scholarship.

Jonathan Bertsch, son of Maj. and Mrs. Gary Bertsch, 2d Bomb Wing, received a BOSC \$1,000 scholarship.

Kaylin Smith, daughter of Master Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, received a BOSC \$1,000 scholarship.

Jessica Parker, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. James E. Parker, 2d Operations Squadron, recipient of a BOSC \$1,000 scholarship.

From the ground up



Staff Sgt. Denise Rayder/2d CS

Airmen from the 49th Material Maintenance Group at Holloman AFB, N.M., are on base teaching a BEAR Base Structures Erection Course. The course began Tuesday and runs through today. During the course, Airmen learned to build and disassemble a general purpose shelter, expandable shelter/container, temper tent and the small shelter.



Airman Brandon Kusek/Observer
Connie Sutherland warms up for competition at the bowling center.

ACC bowling champ

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
OBSERVER

Connie Sutherland recently started bowling, but that didn't stop her from becoming the Air Combat Command's women's handicap division bowling champion.

"This is my first year bowling. I'm also on my squadrons intramural team," Sutherland, first sergeant for the 2d Medical Operations Squadron said. "My husband and son love to bowl. We spend a lot of time at the bowling alley; it's a great family activity."

Sutherland got her start bowling when her husband and son convinced her to bowl. She joined the squadron bowling team by just signing up.

"People in my office told me I was on the bowling team and where and when to show up," Sutherland said.

Sutherland qualified for the ACC tournament by winning the Barksdale women's handicap division. Then, she defeated a group of 15 bowlers at the ACC championship.

Sutherland was not the only bowler from Barksdale to compete at the ACC championships. She joined three other bowlers from the scratch and handicap men's division and the scratch women's bowler here. Each base sends a representative from each category.

Along with the pride of being crowned champion, she also brought home \$1,000 and a large trophy.

The Barksdale Bowling Center is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and from noon to 8 p.m. Sundays.

Contact the bowling center at 456-4133 for upcoming tournament information.

Sports Shorts



Archery

Outdoor recreation holds a three-D archery tournament Sunday and June 27. Start times are between 9 a.m. and noon.

The fees are \$25 for pros, \$10 for nonmembers, \$5 for members, youth and cub. Pee Wee are free.

Call Marilyn at 456-3426 for more information.

Bowling

Seventy-five cents is all that's needed for the kickoff party of the summer bowling promotion, Stars and Strikes. The party is June 1 from 5-9 p.m. at the Barksdale Lanes. Sign ups for the junior/adult summer bowling league are now available. The league bowls every Monday evening starting June 7. For more information call 456-4133.

Battlewings tickets

The Bossier City Battlewings football team is offering buy one, get one free tickets to Barksdale members for their game against Columbus today.

Tickets can be purchased at Gifts and Getaways in the base exchange mall. Call 456-1866 for more information.

America's favorite pastime

Left: Robert Pagan, 2d Communications Squadron's third baseman, looks to crush the ball. Intramural softball began with a preseason tournament Tuesday. The 2d CS defeated the 2d Maintenance Squadron's B team 12-5.

Right: Ron Potchebski, 2d CS, tags out a runner from the 2d MXS B team during Tuesday's softball game.



Master Sgt. Michael Kaplan/2d CS

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Officers Club (456-4926)

Mash Bash today

2d Medical Group and 2d Services Squadron host Mash Bash starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Hangar. The party features music from the Korean War era, prizes and games, including a Corporal Clinger and Hot Lips Hoolahan look-alike contest. For \$10, guests get unlimited access to the "chow hall" buffet and the "pharmaceutical tent." Come to the club for an evening of fun!

Services Squadron (456-6955)

Boat float boogie party

Make plans now to compete in the Boat Float Boogie at the west pool. The party takes place June 4 from 6-10 p.m. and features a homemade boat contest. Only cardboard, duct tape and milk jugs may be used to make boats. Boats will race the length of the pool. The most spirited team receives a team spirit award. The race winner receives a \$200 cash prize.

Other fun games available include pool keg rodeo, prize diving and water volleyball. Plenty of music, food and beverages are also planned. Spectators are welcome. Call 456-6955 or 456-3448 for more information or to sign up.

Fitness Center (456-4135)

Free judo lessons

Study judo for free at the fitness center. Judo is great for balance, confidence and enhances other athletic endeavors. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Students must purchase their own uniforms. Lt. Col. Mark Duffield is the instructor. This class is available to people of all skill-levels, ages youth through adult. Sign up at the fitness center today.

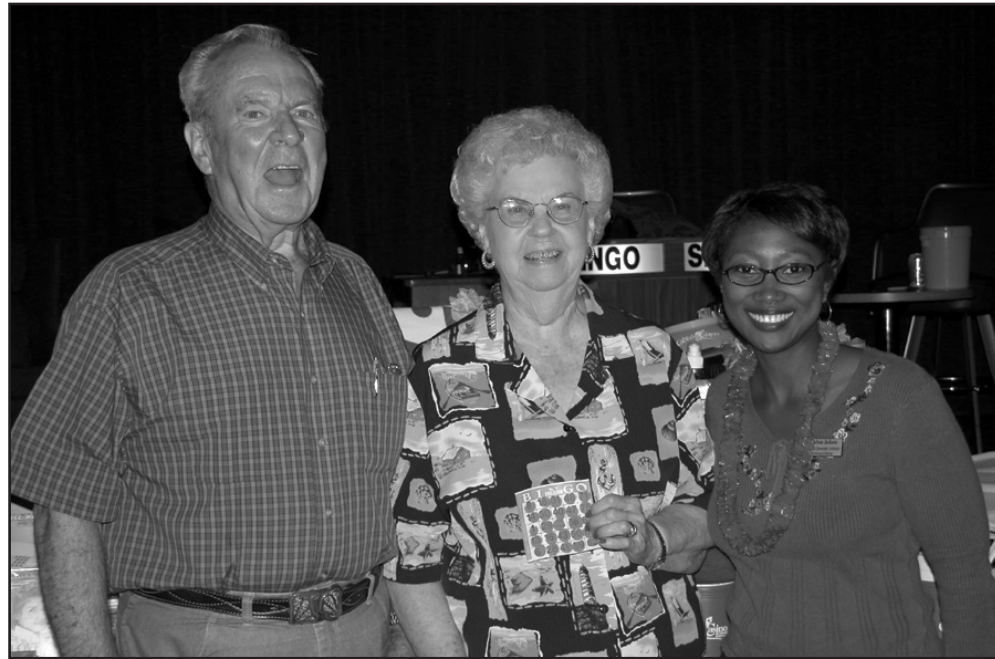
Part Day Enrichment (456-3776)

Preschool summer fun camp

Summer fun camp registration is going on now for children ages 3 to 5. Two sessions, Show and Tell (June 1-24) and Wet and Wild (July 6-29) run Tuesdays-Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Register at the Part Day Enrichment Center on Tuesdays or Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. Parents should bring immunization records, birth certificate and earning statements. Children must have been 3 years old by March 1. Fees are based on total family income. Call 456-3776 for more information.

\$1,400 bingo jackpot winner...



Joanne Williams/2d Services Squadron

Will McCutcheon and Vanessa Higgins of Fort Worth, Texas, are congratulated by bingo caller, Charlene Jackson from 2d Services Squadron. Ms. Higgins won the \$1,400 record bingo jackpot May 13 at the officers club.

Outdoor Recreation (456-7765)

Swim lesson registration

Outdoor recreation offers swim lessons for children and adults. Sign up Mondays through Fridays at the north pool. The price is \$30 for the first child and \$25 for an additional child. Pool passes are also available for purchase.

Gifts and Getaways (456-1865)

Trip to Six Flags Over Texas

Take a daytrip to Six Flags in Arlington, Texas. Guests leave the base at 7 a.m. on June 5 and return around midnight. The price is \$55 and includes admission to the park and transportation on a chartered bus with restroom facilities. A minimum of 20 guests is required to go. Call Gifts and Getaways today. May 28 is the last day to sign up.

Fox Run Golf Course (456-2263)

Free golf lessons

May is the PGA's Free Lesson Month. Get a free 10-minute lesson from a professional instructor and shave strokes from your game. When you take your free lesson, you are automatically entered into a drawing for an all expense paid trip to sunny Florida. What are you waiting for? Call John at Fox Run for an appointment. Slots are filling up fast. Remember...lessons not only make a golf game better but make golf a better game!



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